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| Applicant:            | James E. Issler            |
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| Title of Application: | IMPROVED LACING SYSTEM     |
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**Response to Final Official Action**

In response to the Final Official Action of November 2, 2004, Applicant herewith presents its amendments and remarks. Applicant believes that entry of this Response is proper as it places the application in condition for allowance and makes no substantive amendments to the claims. Applicant does not believe any fee is owed. However, in the event there is an outstanding fee, Applicant authorizes the Examiner to charge account number 19-4516.

Mailing Certificate: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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